

BAYONET POINT #2

Safety is Priority #1

As we approach the holiday season and we pack our automobiles for that road trip to see somebody special, be cognizant that for 10 deaths that occur in the Army, 6 are automobile related accidents. That said, you have a higher statistical chance of dying when you take the roads this holiday season then if you were deployed to Afghanistan fighting the Taliban. Think about that for a minute. We focus all of our attention on what happens overseas and we fail to look at personal safety, the one thing that will keep you alive.

So today I want to make sure that you know about 3 very important safety items that will help you.

1. Winter Safety Brief. This is a mandatory briefing that your NCOIC should have given to you. If you have not received it yet, please inform me immediately.

2. SOBER RIDE. No soldier should drink and drive or allow their friends to do so. Sober Ride is a free taxi to take you home (not to another party) when you find yourself in that position. From 11 December through 02 January 2002 from 8pm-4am, call 1800-200-TAXI. Program it in your phone. Take one of the cards that I passed out.

3. Ride to the CQ. After the New Year, there will be \$100 at the CQ for taxi rides. If you cannot get home for whatever reason, you can take a taxi to building 406 Fort Myer, VA. You will reimburse the fund on the next duty day. I do not want soldier in this command to get a DUI. With all of these steps that the Command is taking to prevent you from drinking and driving, there will be no excuse if you demonstrate poor judgment.

So in your daily schedule, take time to think about safety. Everybody really is a safety officer.